



# GUIDE TO YARD WASTE COMPOST BINS

A variety of compost bins are available on the retail market. To help residents find a bin that meets their needs, the King County Solid Waste Division has compiled this list.

This information was provided to King County; it should not be considered an endorsement of any particular product nor is the list all inclusive. To find out more about the bins that are listed, contact the manufacturers, distributors, or catalog companies. Local nurseries and retailers with garden centers and/or home improvement centers are also resources for these and other bins.

Please note that the compost bins listed are arranged by price. The prices are subject to change and do not include tax or shipping costs, unless indicated.

## BINS MANUFACTURED LOCALLY

**RPM**  
2829 152nd Avenue NE  
Redmond, WA 98052  
(206) 867-3200



### Compost Cage

The Compost Cage is a black cylindrical bin made from 100% recycled post-consumer plastic. It is formed by tying together a sheet of mesh with plastic ties. This bin is not rodent-resistant\* and has a 10 year guarantee.

*Dimensions:* 36" diameter x 36" high

*Capacity:* 21 cubic feet

*Price:* \$14.95, delivered

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Redmond, WA 98052  
(425) 867-3200



### RPM Composter

The RPM composter is a green cylindrical bin made from 100% recycled post-consumer plastic from the Pacific Northwest (WA, OR). The bin is formed by bolting together a sheet of plastic that is perforated for air circulation. An end cap is available for use as a top and/or bottom to provide moisture retention and rodent-resistance\*. The bin comes in two sizes and has a 10 year guarantee.

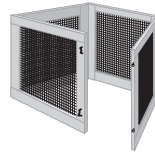
*Dimensions:* 27" diameter x 36" high

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*Capacities:* 12 ft<sup>3</sup> or 21 ft<sup>3</sup>, respectively

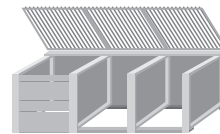
*Prices:* \$69.95 or \$84.95, respectively  
for sidewall with top and bottom  
\$39.95 or \$44.95, for sidewall  
\$15.00 or \$20.00, for lid  
\$15.00 or \$20.00, for bottom

**Seattle Tilth**  
4649 Sunnyside Avenue N  
Seattle, WA 98103  
(206) 633-0451



### Wood & Wire Compost Bin

The Wood & Wire Compost Bin is comprised of wire mesh screen and wood. The bin is not made of recycled material nor is it rodent-resistant\*. Its life expectancy is at least 5 years. The bin comes in two sizes: the Portable Bin (a one-bin system) and the Three-Bin System. A corrugated fiberglass lid is available for the Portable Bin and is included with the Three-Bin System.



**Portable Bin System:**

*Dimensions:* 36" x 36" x 36"

*Capacity:* approx. 25ft<sup>3</sup>

*Price:* \$110.00 for Portable Bin

\$28.00 for Portable lid

**Three-Bin System:**

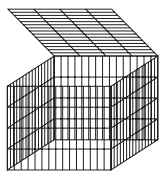
*Dimensions:* 108" l x 36" w x 36" h

*Capacity:* approx. 75 ft<sup>3</sup>

*Price:* \$285.00 for Three-Bin System

## ADDITIONAL COMPOST BINS

**Gardener's Supply**  
128 Intervale Road  
Burlington, VT 05401  
(800) 863-1700



### Wire Compost Bin

The Wire Compost Bin is a green, plastic-coated wire bin that uses heavy-gauge steel wire for the sides and lid. This bin is not made with recycled plastic nor is it rodent-resistant\*. The life expectancy of this wire bin is at least 10 years. Additional sides are available to increase the size of the bin.

*Dimensions:* 36" l x 36" w x 30" h  
*Capacity:* 22 cubic feet

**Prices:** \$39.95 for bin  
\$34.95 for extension and lid

**Harmonious Technologies**  
P.O. Box 1716  
Sebastopol, CA 95473  
(707) 823-1999  
sales@homecompost.com



### Home Composter

The Home Composter is made of 100% recycled plastic with 60% post-consumer and 40% post-industrial. Its large opening makes it easy to add, stir, and turn compostables. With a locking lid and two 13" x 13" doors, it is lightweight and easy to carry with a 10 year warranty.

*Dimensions:* 32"h x 29.75"w x 32"l  
*Capacity:* 13 cubic feet

**Price:** \$59.95

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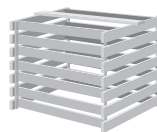
### Hi-Rise Garden Composter

With a compact 2' x 2' footprint, this Hi-Rise Composter can sit right in your garden or fit into even the tiniest backyard. Made from 100% recycled, UV-protected polyethylene, it has a big lid on top for large loads, and 2 flip-up hinged doors for smaller kitchen scraps. The patented vent design promotes good aeration and a sliding lower door provides access to finished compost. Rigid interlocking panels assemble in minutes without tools.

*Dimensions:* 23" L x 23" W x 40" H  
*Capacity:* 7.7 cubic feet

**Price:** \$69.95

**Available only through  
Burpee Seed Catalog**  
300 Park Avenue  
Warmister, PA 18974  
(800) 888-1447



### NovaWood Bin

The NovaWood Bin is a grey-green, square slatted bin made from 100% recycled plastic lumber. The bin is held together with nails and plastic tie wraps and is not rodent-resistant\*. It has a life expectancy of 10 to 20 years. Additional sections are available to expand bin size.  
*Dimensions:* 30 x 30 x 30" or 36 x 36 x 36"  
*Capacity:* 15.6 ft<sup>3</sup> or 27 ft<sup>3</sup>, respectively

**Price:** \$69.95 for 15.6 ft<sup>3</sup> bin  
\$99.95 for 27 ft<sup>3</sup> bin  
\$89.00 for additional sections  
(for large bin only)

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### Pyramid Composter

The Pyramid Composter has a unique rain-catching lid that collects enough rainwater to keep compost moist, while letting excess water run off. Side vents prevent excess heat build-up and an extra-large door allows easy access to the finished compost. Its big 12 cu ft capacity means you can compost large piles of leaves, mounds of grass clippings, and heaps of garden waste. Weather-resistant, rot-proof, and rugged, the Pyramid Composter sets up in minutes. Made from thick, 3/16" recycled polyethylene with zinc-plated hardware.

*Dimensions:* 34" H x 28" W x 28" L  
*Capacity:* 12 cubic feet

**Price:** \$79.95

**Norseman Plastics**  
39 Westmore Drive  
Rexdale, Ontario M9V 3Y6  
Canada  
(800) 267-4391



### Earth Machine

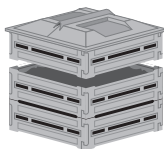
The Earth Machine is a dome-shaped, black plastic composter that has pegs that screw into the ground to stabilize the bin. Side vents allow for air circulation and a side door provides for access to the compost pile. The Earth Machine is made of up to 60% recycled plastic with as much as 50% post-consumer content. It is rodent-resistant\* and has a 10 year warranty from Norseman Plastics.

*Dimensions:* 34" diameter x 33" high  
*Capacity:* 10.5 cubic feet

**Price:** \$80.00, includes delivery and "Home Composting Made Easy" booklet

## ADDITIONAL COMPOST BINS

**Smith & Hawken**  
2 Arbor Lane, Box 6900  
Florence, KY 41022  
Catalog Sales  
(800) 776-3336



### BioStack®

The BioStack® is a black, three-tiered stackable bin with a hinged lid. The lid keeps out excess water and helps retain moisture in dry weather. This bin is made of approximately 60% recycled HDPE with up to 30% post-consumer content. It has a life expectancy of 5 to 10 years and is rodent-resistant\*. Additional tiers can be added to increase bin size.

*Dimensions:* 28" l x 28" w x 34" h

*Capacity:* Approx. 13 cubic feet

**Price:** \$89.00 for bin  
\$20.00 for extra tier

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### GSC Rolling Composter

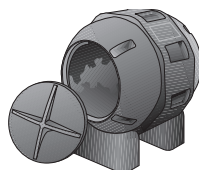
The GSC Rolling Composter has a generous 16" opening for easy loading, and a locking lid that can be operated with one hand. Its 8 internal vanes function like the blades of a washing machine to break up and mix compost with a simple turn. No need to shake or stir. The eight-sided barrel design is easy to roll, but won't roll away from you. Deeply molded handles provide a good grip. Days of the week are stamped into the barrel, to remind you when you last turned it. The GSC Rolling Composter is made of durable UV-protected plastic that will stand up to years of sun and weather. Its extra thick walls help keep compost hot for faster cooking. Simple assembly required.

*Dimensions:* 36" x 30" diameter

*Capacity:* 11 cubic feet

**Price:** \$99.95

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### GSC Compost Mixer

The Compost Mixer is a generous 16" opening making it easy to load in leaves and yard waste and the locking lid opens easily with one hand. Inside, 8 blades break up and mix compost materials, while the double walls keep temperatures in the optimum range for fast cooking. The mixing chamber sits on top of a custom designed stand that lets you mix in place, instead of rolling it around. A molded foot treads allows the mixer to turn with an easy stepping motion.

The GSC Compost Mixer makes finished compost in 3-5 weeks. It is well suited for smaller yards and gardens. Made of UV protected plastic that will stand up to years of sun and weather.

*Dimensions:* Composter 26" h x 30" w

Base: 25" l x 7.25" h x 16.5" w

*Capacity:* 7 cu yds

**Price:** \$115.00

**Gardener's Supply Co.**  
128 Intervale Road  
Burlington, VT 05401  
(800) 863-1700



### Green Magic Tumbler

The Green Magic Tumbler is a green barrel-shaped bin made with 75% post-consumer recycled plastic. It has vent holes and a screw-on lid, and is mounted vertically on a steel "A" frame by an aluminum axle. It is rodent-resistant\* and has a life expectancy of at least 10 years. This bin is a "batch" tumbler: it is filled with compostable materials which are composted and removed before any new materials are added. Comes with eight pounds of Starter Activator.

*Dimensions:* 22" dia. x 48 1/2" h x 27" w

*Capacity:* 6 to 7 cubic feet

**Price:** \$119.95

**Brookstone**  
1655 Bassford Drive  
Mexico, MO 65265  
(800) 926-7000



### Tumble-drum Composter

The Tumble-drum Composter is a black recycled plastic drum that sits on wide, smooth rollers for turning. It is designed to turn and aerate up to 85 pounds of compost. This bin is rodent-resistant\* and has a lifetime guarantee from Brookstone.

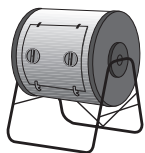
*Dimensions:* 27" diameter x 22" w x 29" h

*Capacity:* Approx. 7 cubic feet

**Price:** \$120.00

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**ComprosTumbler Co.**  
160 Koser Rd.  
Lititz, PA 17543  
(800) 880-2345



### Compact ComposTumbler

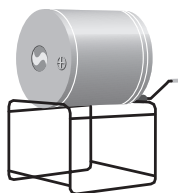
The Compact ComposTumbler is a solid, galvanized, green metal drum with plastic end caps. It sits 13" off the ground on an A-frame stand. The shaft of the stand runs through the center of the drum, serving as an axle. This composter has a single-gear and handle for turning the drum, a removable side door, screened vents on the sides, and holes for drainage and aeration. The bin can make compost in 14 days. This bin is not comprised of any recycled materials. It is rodent-resistant\* and has a 5 year warranty from Home Gardener.

*Dimensions:* Drum 30" diameter x 30" wide  
42" total width with handle  
43" total height with stand

*Capacity:* 11.8 cubic feet

*Price:* \$299

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Lititz, PA 17543  
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### ComposTumbler (Original)

The ComposTumbler is a solid, galvanized, green metal drum with plastic end caps. It sits 27" off the ground on a stand. The composter has a geared handle for turning the drum, a removable side door, screened vents on the sides, and holes for drainage and aeration. The bin can make compost in 14 days. This bin is not comprised of any recycled materials. It is rodent-resistant\* and has a 5 year warranty from Home Gardener.

*Dimensions:* Drum 36" diameter x 36" wide  
50" total width with handle  
68" total height with stand

*Capacity:* 22 cubic feet

*Price:* \$379.00

## King County has three Composting Demonstration Sites which showcase several different compost bins in use:

### Bellevue Demonstration Site

Lake Hills Community Gardens  
15416 Southeast 16th Street

### Kent Demonstration Site

Burlington Green  
Corner of Railroad Avenue & Meeker Street

### Redmond Demonstration Site

South Lawn of Redmond City Hall  
15670 Northeast 85th Street



For information about yard waste and food waste composting, call the King County Recycling and Composting Information Line at (206) 296-4466; 1-800-833-6388 (TTY Relay).

**\*Rodent-resistance:** Food wastes may attract rodents to your yard waste compost pile. Although several of the bins listed in this information sheet are reported to be rodent-resistant, this does not guarantee that they are rodent-proof. The King County Solid Waste Division recommends that you compost your food wastes separately in a worm bin or bury them in your yard under at least 8" of soil.

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